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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This is my impression. The University has undertaken that and my impression is they would also provide sufficient facility.

Elementary school teachers

* 140 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any increment papers of Panchayat Board Elementary School teachers of Nannilam taluk are pending with the Regional Inspector of Local Boards, Tanjore, for sanction;

(*b*) if so, the number of such papers pending with the Regional Inspector of Local Boards; and

(*c*) when they will be sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As a rule, increments of these teachers are delayed and in many cases not at all paid. Will the Government consider a new set-up by which the regular Educational Officers of the Department could sanction the increments automatically and the local board would simply pay that amount?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are two aspects, management and inspection. It is the management that is giving increment. I do not know whether we can saddle this work on the Education Department.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not a fact that in the matter of increments to teachers in aided elementary schools, the Deputy Inspector of Schools sanctions the increment? Just like that, will the Government think of such a step or an alternative step by which the Educational Officers of the Department can sanction the increments and the Panchayat Board can simply pay them, in view of the fact that at present the increments due to teachers are being delayed very much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member may be aware of the fact that there is going to be a change of management when the Panchayat Union Council comes into existence. I am sure all matters will be looked into at that stage.

Welfare of the blind

* 141 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the schemes instituted by the Government for the welfare of the blind in the State;

(*b*) the training centres, if any, started for the adult blind and the number of trained teachers available at present; and